

(SRI BAPU RAO ANANDA RAO)

(b) if so, whether survey work has been completed and estimates prepared ;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to sanction the work immediately ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) No.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of the reply to clause (a).

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

re : Acute Scarcity of Drinking Water in Villages of Shiggaon, Savanur and Hangal Taluks.

Sri M. M. NADAF (Shiggaon).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare to the acute scarcity of drinking water in Villages of Shiggaon, Savanur and Hangal Taluks.

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY (Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare).—Sir, in reply to the Call attention Notice I wish to make the following statement :—

It is not a fact that the villagers have started leaving their villages for want of drinking water. No such instances have come to the notice of Government. There are some villages where the people have to fetch drinking water from a distance of one to two miles. The Tahsildars have been instructed to supply drinking water by engaging bullock carts in such villages. It is a fact that the cartmen are demanding exorbitant rates for supply of drinking water in the town area. The Deputy Commissioner, Dharwar has been instructed to arrange supply of water in cooperation with the local body concerned to over-come such difficulty being faced by the people.

The following measures have also been taken in each of the three taluks :—

- (1) Shiggaon Taluk. Deepening of drinking water wells in 10 villages has already been sanctioned under 64 Famine and instructions have been issued by the Deputy Commissioner to take up the works on priority basis. Rs. 5,000 has been released as initial grants. National Rural Water Supply and

Sanitation Scheme has also been sanctioned to Shiggaon Town in February 1973. For Bankapur and 4 villages water supply scheme has been sanctioned under the Accelerated Water Supply programme.

- (2) Savanur Taluk. Deepening of drinking water wells in 15 villages has been sanctioned under '64 Famine Relief' and instructions have been issued to take up the work on priority. Rs. 7,00 has been released to the Block Development Officer as initial grant.
- (3) Hangal Taluk. Deepening of the drinking water wells in 17 villages has been sanctioned under '64 Famine Relief' and instructions are issued to take up the work on priority. Rs. 8,500 has been released to the Block Development Officer as initial grant. Further grants will be released as and when required.

One high speed rig has been deployed in Dharwar District to meet the situation wherever necessary.

It is not a fact that Government servants and servants of Mysore State Electricity Board and Other Departments have requested for shifting the offices from Taluk Headquarters. However, there is a demand from them for payment of water allowance as there will be scarcity of drinking water during summer. Payment of any such allowance does not arise as arrangements are made for supply of water to them along with the general public.

To enable transportation of water from sources wherever available, necessary arrangements have been made to deploy the required trucks/tankers.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಸಿ. ಶೆಟ್ಟರ್.—ತಿಗ್ಗೂರಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಸವಣೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮತ್ತು ಹಾನಗಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾವಿಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಎರಡು ತಿಂಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರೆವೆನ್ಯೂ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು 64ನೇ ಫ್ಯಾಮಿನ್ ಹೆಡ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಡಿಪ್ಯೂಟಿ ಕಮಿಷನರಿಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ಇದುವರೆಗೂ ಆ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ. ಆ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಕೂಡಲೇ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವಂತೆ ಕ್ರಮತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾರ್ಜುನಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಯಾವ ಯಾವ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಕೊರತೆ ಇದೆಯೋ ಅಂಥಾ ಕಡೆ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏರ್ಪಾಟು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀನೇ.

ಶ್ರೀ M. M. NADAF.—Taluk Development Board in both the taluks have reported in this regard for deepening the wells and supplying drinking water, but still no positive steps have been taken by the Deputy Commissioner. Will the Government take immediate steps in this regard ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಮಲ್ಲಕಾರ್ಜುನಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾ ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಎಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಅಭಾವ ಇದೆ, ಮತ್ತು ಬಾವಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಳಪಡಿಸತಕ್ಕಂತಹ ಕೆಲಸ ಇದೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಮತ್ತು ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ತೊಂದರೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ಇದೆ, ಅಲ್ಲ ಗಾಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಬಾಡಿಗೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ನೀರನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಏರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

Sri J. P. SARWESH.—May I know how many tankers have been sent not only to this taluk but to other areas where there is difficulty for drinking water ?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—It is outside the scope.

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ಸಿ. ಶೆಟ್ಟರ್.—ನಮ್ಮ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಡಿಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ನೀರೇ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಿ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಮಲ್ಲಕಾರ್ಜುನಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಅದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಆಗಲೇ ಉತ್ತರವಲ್ಲ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಕೂಡಲೇ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—It will be speedily attended to. Next calling attention notice.

(ii) re : **Fall in Prices of Arecanut**

Sri S. M. SHEERNALLY CHANDRASHEKAR (Hosanagar).—I call the attention of the Minister for Agriculture and Forests to the fall in the prices of arecanuts in Sagar, Shimoga and Mangalore.

Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Forests).—I state as follows :—

There has been a steep fall in the price of Arecanut in the various markets in the State. Representations have been received by Government in and outside the Legislature requesting Government to take steps to arrest further fall in the prices of Areca. Government have examined the situation at length and various steps have been taken to stabilise the price and prevent further fall of price. There is at present no scientific and authentic data giving the cost of production of Arecanut in the State. In the absence of such data it is difficult to work out the reasonable margin of profit for areca growers. Therefore, Government are of the view that the question of collecting necessary data and keeping an upto date record enabling them to determine whether any rate of arecanut ruling on any particular date is economic and whether it leaves a reasonable margin for the Agriculturist should be examined. Since the question involves collection of data and scrutiny of various aspects of production, marketing and prices of Areca, it was considered necessary to constitute a Committee of Experts to undertake a study of the entire question and make recommendations based on the study for the consideration of Government.